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In re Application of:

MING LI ET AL.

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Examiner: C. Dexter

**IMPROVED METHOD AND** 

APPARATUS FOR TRIMMING

**ALUMINUM SHEET** 

Attorney Docket No. 129249

**AMENDMENT** 

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August 13, 2001

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** 

Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: BOX AF

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2001.

Accompanying this Amendment is a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, extending the period for response through August 13, 2001.

In the Specification

On page 3, please replace the paragraph at lines 9 and 10 with the following

paragraph:

Fig. 4 is a partially schematic illustration of sliver generation during trimming of an aluminum sheet.

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